

## House Resolution 34 - Introduced

### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 34

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1 A Resolution recognizing the month of April 2013 as  
2 Genocide Awareness Month.

3 WHEREAS, starting in the 18th century, the world  
4 entered an age of science, an age of enlightenment, and  
5 age of prosperity and peace; and

6 WHEREAS, this new age also brought misery and  
7 death, including the destruction of the Native  
8 American peoples and their cultures, the degradation  
9 and massacre of Africans transported to America in  
10 bondage, the Musa Dagh resistance in 1915 followed by  
11 the Armenian persecution, the Rape of Nanking in 1937,  
12 the Holocaust of the 1930s and 1940s, the killings in  
13 Cambodia in 1975, the massacres in Bosnia in 1992,  
14 the slaughter in Rwanda in 1994, and now in the 21st  
15 century the displacements and deaths in Darfur; and

16 WHEREAS, all of these tragedies, separated by time  
17 and distance, have one common thread, the murder of  
18 men, women, and children, young and old alike, based  
19 only on where they lived, what God they worshipped,  
20 what language they spoke, or to what community they

1 belonged; and

2 WHEREAS, this phenomenon of organized mass murder  
3 was given a unique name, genocide, in the last  
4 century; and

5 WHEREAS, in the last 100 years genocide has  
6 brought death and destruction to tens of millions of  
7 people; and

8 WHEREAS, in the dawn of the 21st century the world  
9 community must dedicate itself to the task of ending  
10 genocide, and creating the age of prosperity and peace  
11 that was dreamed of over a century ago; NOW THEREFORE,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That  
13 the House of Representatives recognizes the month of  
14 April 2013 as Genocide Awareness Month and urges Iowa's  
15 schools, universities, and civic organizations to raise  
16 public awareness of the history and horror of genocide  
17 and encourages public debate on how genocide may be  
18 eliminated.